

 <p style="text-align: center;">County of Sacramento Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services Policy and Procedure</p>	Policy Issuer (Unit/Program)	BHS-CMH-YDF
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Title: W&I 5150 Designation Policy		Functional Area: Legal
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Background/Context:

The Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services involuntary detention policies are based, in part, on Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 and 5651.7. These codes allow the County Mental Health Director and/or their Designees to submit an application on behalf of an individual for the purposes of involuntary psychiatric detention for evaluation and treatment. The Juvenile Justice Institutions Mental Health Team (JJIMHT) employs staff who maintain designee status for their roles at the Youth Detention Facility (YDF).

Definitions:

5150 Designee: A mental health professional that has completed a County authorized 5150 Certification or Re-Certification Training and successfully passed the 5150 examination, or authorized staff at a 5150 designated facility, mobile crisis team or other designated staff.

5150 Site Coordinator: An employee appointed by an agency to oversee the 5150 agency Designees and the Designee List procedures. The Site Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the 5150 Designee List and submitting corrections and/or Designee changes to Quality Management as indicated.

Purpose:

The point of this policy and procedure is to describe the process by which JJIMHT members will obtain and maintain status as a 5150 Designee.

Details:

1. 5150 Designee Qualifications: The minimum qualifications to become a 5150 Designee include the following disciplines:
 - A. Licensed Physician
 - B. Licensed Psychologist
 - C. Licensed Clinical Social Worker or Marriage Family Therapist
 - D. Licensed Registered Nurse or Vocational Nurse

- E. Licensed Psychiatric Technician
 - F. Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist, as defined by Title 9 CA Code of Regulations and approved by the Mental Health Plan
 - G. Staff waived by the Mental Health Plan to provide services as a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts
 - H. Authorized Medical Residents and specifically designated staff at a 5150 Psychiatric facility
2. Designee Privilege
- A. For outpatient programs, Designee Privilege occurs by the successful completion of the County 5150 Certification or Re-Certification Training dependent upon Designee status at the time of training.
 - B. For successful class completion, individuals must attend the entire training and have passing exam scores. Designees that successfully complete the County 5150 training are added to the next 5150 Designee List distributed to all Site Coordinators following the class. Site Coordinators are notified in a separate correspondence when attendees do not pass the class/exam.
 - C. As changes occur, Site Coordinators shall submit the changes to the Designee List immediately to Quality Management Services.
3. Designee Status
- A. The 5150 designation is limited to a two-year increment which begins the day of successful completion of the 5150 Certification or Re-Certification Training. Re-Certification training is required for continuing Designee status for employees at non-designated sites/agencies. (YDF is not a designated site/agency.)
 - B. Designation appointments are “agency specific” and are not transferable to another agency, organization or to other counties. Designee certification is authorized for a specific agency site location.
 - C. Designees may be employed at more than one site authorized to have Designees, or leave one authorized agency to work at another authorized agency. The Site Coordinator at the additional/new agency may submit a written request on behalf of a Designee regarding continuing Designee status at the additional/new site. If approved, the Designee’s expiration date remains the same and the status shall be reflected by each organization on the Designee List.
4. Designee Revocation
- A. Revocation of the 5150 designation is at the discretion of the County Mental Health Director and/or their representative(s). Designee’s privileges may be revoked if the privilege is used inappropriately or in the event of gross negligence.

Related Policies:

BHS-05-03 5150 Welfare & Institutions Code Certification & Designation

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